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TO: House Health Policy Committee Members

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RE: Letter of Support for pending referral: SB 1486 ~ Body Art

The Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) has and continues to support proposed legislation enhancing the licensure of body art facilities in the State of Michigan. The proposed SB1486 would allow for temporary body art facilities and their licensure. In addition, it would stipulate that a facility be licensed annually just as the facility must be inspected annually.

Further, it better defines the acceptable means of proof of an individual's authority to grant consent prior to the tattooing, branding or body-piercing of a minor. The proposal also includes appropriate fees for local health departments that provide the facility inspections and enforcement activities.

The spread of infectious diseases is appropriately addressed in the proposal, in that, there is a requirement for the licensee to develop and maintain a bloodborne infectious disease exposure control plan specific to the location of that facility and be in compliance with applicable Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards.

In conclusion, MALPH supports and encourages the passage of the proposed legislation.

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